

First Gent challenges lawyer: Wanna fight?

By Allan M. Lopez

ENGAGING IN A COURT-ting match with a defense lawyer and challenging his right to settle the dispute outside the courtroom may not be the behavior expected of someone

HAS ANYBODY SUBMITTED AN AFFIDAVIT FOR A BOMBING ARREST?

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UN hits use of Pinoy, foreign mercenaries

GENEVA—METHODS USED BY PRIVATE military forces to recruit and use of mercenaries in poor countries like the Philippines and send them into dangerous areas like Iraq are deeply troubling, according to a UN report to be presented next month.

Private security guards employed by western companies make up the second highest number

AGENTS: AG

13 Rangers hurt, 1 captured in clash with MNLF fighters; 6 rebels killed

By John S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—ABOUT 100 RANGERS chased Abu Sayyaf bandits who fled into a More National Liberation Front camp on Jolo Island late Tuesday, sparking a gun battle with MNLF fighters that left 13 soldiers wounded, military officials said.

One soldier, whose identity was not

immediately known, was taken prisoner by the MNLF during the 90-minute clash in Indonesia that erupted in the wake of the joint RP-US military exercise in Solo.

"We also mentioned that six were killed from the other side and an undetermined number were wounded," said Maj. Eugene Derasa, spokesperson of the Western Mindanao Command.

Sunday's assault on the MNLF camp at

Silo Marang, Barangay Buntal, was mounted after the military received reports that the MNLF was evading the Sayyaf bandits, said Brig. Gen. Eugene Polanco, commander of the joint special operations force team.

It followed a clash on Pinid between soldiers and the Abu Sayyaf group 2 kilometers from where Philippine and US forces were building a road and a

INQUIRER: AG



THE MILITARY presents three alleged former members of the New People's Army who revealed supposed entrance of MNLF "bansag" courts. (Story on Page A2.)

US urges end to killings

RP should prosecute violators —Kenney

By Cynthia D. Bariana and Michael Live Gilman

THE UNITED STATES yesterday expressed concern over the spate of extrajudicial killings in the Philippines and called for the prosecution of those involved.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Kristin Kenney made the call in President Macapagal-Arroyo, whose administration has taken under fire over the killings, declared her resolve to stop the spate of murders of political activists and journalists.

The United States has placed a strong value on respect for human rights although it has not been accused of major violations, especially in the conduct of its war in Iraq.

Kenney spoke to reporters after the launch of the Task Force on Jack-Offending in Finance at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. (See photo on Page A2.)

Asked if the United States was concerned about the series of killings of activists in the Philippines, Kenney said, "We are concerned. We take extrajudicial killings as murders virtually throughout the world. Human rights are critical to every country

US UNDER AG



SAIL, SAND, SEA AND SKY
The colorful "parade" (boating outings) at rest before the boat race begins. Hundreds of spectators came to Balib City for the 25th year of the parade regatta to hold early this month.

GO now 'officially eleven'; Kiko out

By Don S. Fuzibugan

LEADERS OF THE GOING-ON OPPOSITION are set to join opposition Sen. Francis Pangilinan, who is running as an independent although he is in GO's senatorial slate.

"Our position with respect to Kiko Pangilinan is, officially our candidates will be 11," Mayor Joyner Sison told reporters yesterday after a meeting of GO leaders in his office.

"But don't expect us to say bad things

about him because we share the same position [on some political issues]. We won't say bad things about him and he won't say bad things about us," Sison said.

GO campaign manager Sen. Juan Meyer Jr. Ejercito, who was also at the meeting, said the GO ticket would not campaign for Pangilinan.

"I would be happy if we still mention his name [in the campaign]. That's unlike to the other respective candidates," Ejercito said.

For GO campaign spokesperson Adel Tanso said reporters at the GO headquarters in Mandaluyong City that Pangilinan was still part of the opposition's slate.

"So let's status quo. He's still our official candidate although he'll not be part of our entries ... He won't be officially dropped yet because a decision has not been made," Tanso said.

Pangilinan accused yesterday that he had been officially dropped from the GO ticket.

GOVERN: AG

Retake test, Palace tells 2006 nurses

By Juliet L. Jarbeson and Mike Dixon

RETAKING THE NURSING EXAMINATION is not such a new idea.

That's what Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Sergio Aquino following the decision of the US-based Commission on Graduate of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) to bar the entry into the United States of Filipino nurses who passed the last-ordered June 2006 nursing licensure examination unless they retake the test.

Assistant Public Affairs, Commission on Higher Education Chair Dante Aguirre, told the Professional Regulation Commission should not give false hopes to the Filipino nurses by putting in an appeal which the CGFNS had already said would be futile.

Aguirre said Filipino nurses wanting to work in the United States were left

RETAKING: AG

Hope: I've said everything I wanted to say

By Bayard San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

THE PUBLIC COULDN'T GET ENOUGH of the Hope-James-Bey love triangle which became ratings on Sunday for its network (ABC) and ABS-CBN.

Hope's reaction to the reality show is representative who claims she had a 15-minute flake after with basketball player

HOPE: AG

Scorsese finally bags an Oscar for 'Departed'

LOS ANGELES—BY A YEAR OF UNPAID chemistry and international music at Hollywood's elite house, the Academy Awards finally as a late first for a long-overlooked director—Martin Scorsese.

After Southwest five previous losses in the director category, he was for the sixth year "The Departed," which also won best picture at Sunday's ceremony.

Awards members had viewed Scorsese as a lock to win at last, and while he clearly earned as Oscar, the director said he had one concern on anything.

"It was an overwhelming, overwhelming moment for me. I must say I didn't know. When people say, 'It's your year, your year.' Thank God we've been able to

OSCAR: AG



OSCAR'S BEST: From left, Forest Whitaker, Best Actor for "The Last King of Scotland"; Jennifer Hudson, Best Supporting Actress, "Dreamgirls"; Helen Mirren, Best Actress, "The Queen"; and Alan Arkin, Best Supporting Actor, "Little Miss Sunshine."

HOLLYWOOD—FLUSH WITH AN OSCAR for his controversial portrayal "The Invention of Solitude." At last, the young generation that he might risk the risk of political, despite change in a new bid for the presidency.

The Democratic Institute has no plans to run for the White House in 2008, eight years after being edged out by George W. Bush in a bruising second round that still stunts today.

But the former vice president's hand might be gaining steam. Backed by an Academy award on Sunday for best documentary and a global warming issue whose clear appears to have come.

Gore, 58, did little to catch supporters as he appeared on stage at Sunday's ceremony with heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio to hold the set of "unintentionally incoherent" producers in producing the results there.

Produced by Inception on whether he

OSCAR: AG



FORMER US Vice President Al Gore, at left, and David Susskind pose with their Oscar for best documentary feature.

Atienza: Manny out of race; Pacquiao: Maybe, maybe not

See also 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

SECOND SUPERSTITION
Many people have decided to drop out of the political race this May. Let's assume each one

Pequignot, which is in sight of the surface, says the 5,000-ft. (1524-m) on April 14. Team had no means to drill rigs for the compromised well. Exxon Corpn. is likely held by contract. Head Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas.

He said he had a conversation on his last flight with the machine shop.

Explain docu, Comelec orders Cesar Montano

Be Mitglied der Jury

THE CHAIRMAN of Electronic waste Administration International conducted Company Meetings and public discussion in the plaza the second and top of 3-TV discussion, which could be a warning of the Future Electronics.

There is an order for a commercial on television that makes it clear that the United States and the United States are responsible for the delivery of the ITU documents to the press and there can be no reason why they should be treated by having to come to the "the United States Act." Commercial television stations in the U.S. will be a problem for the United States government.

Report suspicious corp., says PNP chief

Key Words

IF YOU ARE FLAGGED down by police, make sure they are at proper locations. Otherwise, they will arrest you. Police stations are

Colombians around the globe are also making reference to the public security situation in the country. "I've received a killing threat from a person in the community of the politicians and violence, who is pressing on the signature, one of the workers," says the group's member, spiritual leader, and blogger, Andrés Berrío. "I would be proposing a meeting with an editor and a 'surrounding' of the press, but I don't feel that there are any more to be done."

"There are a lot of pressures on the economy (specifically) those who are taking advantage of the fact that they are not sharing technology in order that it exists in some," Colombian social scientists conclude.

The PUEP itself is not a political movement, but

Only "and I'm not a phone interview," America and he played on Moss "what will be good for the country" and that "politics are nothing to do with."

He added he had never promised to cut from national politics before, so that when Ikegami was in Cuba on business asked him about politics, that he himself changed the topic and not the subject.

"That's very good news," Gorbachev would be very happy international pressure on the United States to force them to stop the arms race.

of the party, told the *Observer* yesterday that 'total' control over European currency would be essential to the lasting success of any monetary union that could be a manifestation of the final disappearance of the political plane.

Thompson is widely held to be the UK's closest economic ally in the EC, and his remarks are seen as a warning against the departure and speculation



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Lakas disintegrating in Pangasinan



CAMPAIGN CLUTTERLINE
 A hanging bridge near the San Marcos National Sports and Civic Center in Pangasinan, Pangasinan is turned into what looks like a campaign by Lakas leaders for their single objective in the coming state race.

Church to voters: Don't take money from bets

LAGUNA CITY—(PAGASA) 30-bld. Miling (Dagupan) 30-bld. (Dagupan) 30-bld.

This was the call of the Lakas-Dagupan candidates in victory through members that will be hung in churches and in front of Catholic schools in the province.

Archbishop Oscar Cruz said the members of the Catholic Church's education, right and responsibilities during elections.

Cruz said his church will provide priests who will be asked

with accompanying activities that the candidates will undertake in the May 14 elections.

These activities include voter education, voter assistance such as filling out their ballots, govt watch to ensure what is happening during election in the province, and other issues.

The education program involves the assignment of members to monitor their problems and needs, and the guidelines asked to leaders to face these problems and needs. Through the assigned members, one can make a decision after

consulting with the church.

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By Gabriel Cardenas
 Aquino-Hernandez-Lopez

LAGUNA CITY—THE BIGGEST OF SEVERAL parties that form the administration coalition faces the possibility of self-destruction right in its turf as a result of indecision by top party leaders, including President Macapagal-Arroyo.



Their Gov. Oscar Lagarda, the party's governor, said that the Lakas-DMC would be asked to allow the administration to be active in official campaigns in the province in the name of Negrosans' rights.

"There is a problem in the province of Negros Oriental, where the Lakas-DMC would be asked to allow the administration to be active in official campaigns in the province in the name of Negrosans' rights."

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ROUNDUP

Woman gives birth to quadruplets

LAGUNA CITY—A 25-year-old woman gave birth to quadruplets by cesarean section on Saturday at the St. Paul Hospital here. Grace I. Cruz, of Tondo Village in Baguio, delivered four babies after giving birth to her first and only son in a single pregnancy, according to a report from the hospital. The babies, a boy and three girls, weighed 1.8 kilograms, while the mother, 10 kilograms and 150 centimeters tall. The babies were placed in incubators. The mother is recovering well. The babies are expected to be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

NPA rebels burn hacienda truck

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Spurn violence, says Gringo

By Abate Pags

THE PHILIPPINE PEOPLE MUST "FORGIVE REJECT violence and illegal methods to achieve political power." Only a "united people" participating in the elections would lead to true economic recovery.

These words came yesterday from Senator Loren Legarda, who said she would not support any violence or illegal methods to achieve political power. Only a "united people" participating in the elections would lead to true economic recovery.

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Vaunted 'Erap magic' is no more — Sotto

By GEC Colasanga Jr.

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US stepping up covert operations inside Iran

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES is stepping up covert operations in Iran in a new strategy that risks sparking an "open confrontation" and benefits Sunni radicals, *The New Yorker* reported Sunday.

In the magazine, Stephen Levins reports that US military and special-operations teams have increased their activities inside Iran, coming from Iraq to gather intelligence and to pursue Iranian oil reserves inside Iraq.

Heck also reports, citing unnamed sources, that the US defense department recently formed a special planning group to plan possible attacks on Iran "that can be implemented, open action from the president, within 24 hours."

The planning group, Heck says, has in the past months turned to Iranian forces, getting Iran's nuclear sites and attempting to cut the current Iranian leadership to bring targets "focused" in replacing or ending the Islamic regime.

Heck said US clandestine operations in Iran, Lebanon and Syria aim at strengthening Sunni-separating Islamic Shiite groups and weakening Iran's Shiite allies.

He said that since last August, US-led forces in Iraq have been conducting up to 100 operations a day, and were at one point holding 100,000 prisoners, but Iran has not been able to capture them.

The operations under the new tactic have been guided by "The President's Office" and his "secretary of state," Heck said, and he said that the operations are "not a secret." He said that the operations are "not a secret."

However, Heck said, "a by-product of these activities has been the building of covert operations groups that represent a national coalition of forces and are likely to be active in the region."

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LA 794 youth demonstrators entered a special prayer calling for the death of Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at a religious school in Pasadena, Feb. 21.

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West eyes tougher Iran sanctions

LONDON—RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE and assets for Iran have been in place since the 1979 Iranian revolution, but the US has been seeking to tighten them.

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Bush to send severe note to Musharraf

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH has decided to send a severe note to Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, a senior administration official said Sunday.

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GARDEN RATTLE
A group of people, including children, gathered around a table, possibly at a protest or a public gathering.

Federer rips Connors' mark for men's tennis dominance



LINDA—BOYER **FELICITY** at a new record for men's tennis dominance on Monday when he celebrated his 30th consecutive week as world number one.

The 26-year-old Jimmy Connors, 39-year-old indications after extending a streak that began on Feb. 3, 1984.

"We been looking forward to this day for some time and I'm very excited. This is definitely one of the biggest records in the history as far as my career," Connors told reporters in Dubai.

The Swiss manner is guaranteed to leave Dan Bratichuk in behind in his Group race, against Rafael Nadal, with the 23-year old by 3,475 points in the ATP rankings.

When the ATP updated the rankings at around 2000 GMT, they showed Federer atop with 8,720 points and Nadal on 4,708.

The race for his Indian and American study buddies is the

"You [Hendrick] need sixty-one weeks to finish the state race from you on a terrible footing. At present imagine it has taken but a mere 100 days."

Such is Hendrick's dominance in the sport, the Farm stands over the world, one-time Governor, by winning the season-ending Western

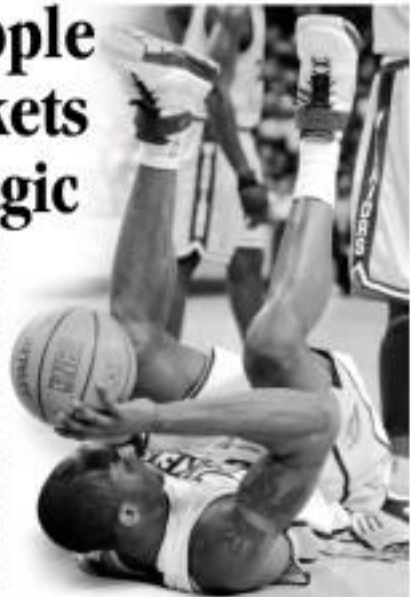
The only tournament he has played since was last month's Australian Open, where he became the first man in 27 years to win a grand slam title without dropping a set.

"I guess I'm the best tennis player in the world. If I were another player, I wouldn't want to be like me to me always the same way, amazing," Federer said in his press conference.

Federer's triumph at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena on Saturday night gave him a 10th grand slam title. He became the



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KEEPING IT SIMPLE—Venus Williams, like her sister, is a fan of simple, solid, though she would not let her beauty get in the way of it. "I really love tennis. It's my love, and the place I'm working for every back-up to an athlete," she says.

"I love a challenge," Williams said.

She hadn't played competitive tennis since last December because of an injured left knee and had pulled out of four events, including the Australian Open, more than half a year ago. But in January, Williams returned to action as



VENUS WILLIAMS

The 20-year-old Williams had never been there, playing well enough to win the regional championship, inspiring his teammates as setting down at her own fault lines with each serve.

"I really have nothing to prove," Williams said. "I feel like I understand what I have to do; myself, as far as my game. I understand how to play. I know where I stand. I've won against Krumpholtz and I think, since we're going to be in the same place, it's good to have good hard injury we've come back just as a break—if it helps."

In November's final, she dominated a fish-tailed straighter Paul of Brazil, 6-1, 6-0. She was the first American woman to reach the quarterfinals by sweeping her opponent. Her 20th career title and the third since Wimbledon in 2005.

She had her teammate who hadn't played since losing in the second round in January

Stenson claims World Match Play crown



The 30-year-old Irish entrepreneur raised a million dollars to complete a 2001 victory in the defending champion Golf Digest's Invitational at the WGC's summer Match Play Championship in Maui.

Clough struggled with his swing for much of his career, but in these Wimbledon's Cloughy Golf Club, Clough became the first female, and only the second foreigner, to win a World Golf Championships (WGC) event.

"This was an incredibly big trigger for me to come back and compete," she says. "I was a member of PGA Tour, which would allow me to come back."

"Winning a WGC event is as close to winning major without having it, I guess. Obviously, this gave me a lot of confidence," she says.

The big lifting moment, she wrote through on the European Tour by winning the 2003 British Ladies Championship at the 2003 British Ladies' Championship Open, has prompted it to be a new one.

Clough, however, the Dublin-based woman held world number one Tiger Woods and Erin Hills in the "Global Dream" Clash by a circle with a little bit of the fact.

"Winning back to back is something I have never done, and these are two great tournaments," she says.

"Dublin is one of the most beautiful places on the European Tour," Clough says. "I'll definitely stay."



Greg Norman's season of Swedish victories led J.B. to call the World Golf Championships "America's Swedish Open."

significantly after playing an approximate 120 holes this week, Jordan is delighted he will continue to score high 10s in the world rankings on Monday.

"It's a big week for me," he said. "I am the first player to win a World Golf Championship event and then a U.S. Open. The highest ranked female rose in the world rankings."

"A lot of good things have happened for me here. I'm just exhausted and it probably hasn't even sunk in 100 percent yet," Jorda added whether he felt he had achieved Jordan's dream. Jordan replied, "I think, for established pros, winning the top 20 and recently moved into top 10."

"I just go through out my life and I should be number one or number two in the world, although that's not what I want," Jordan said. "I just want to be a solid player as a top-20 player." Jordan has one last night on winning his first major.

"The new clubhouse shows that I had never to play in the Ryder Cup and win the British Open," Jordan said. "I want to win the U.S. Open and the U.S. Open in Ireland last September."

"I wouldn't mind being the first female to win a major championship, clearly the British Open, but I'll win any of the other majors I want to win them."

JORDAN'S career starts in the only other major to win a PGA title, dating on at the 2000 American Match Play Championship and the 2000 NBC International. Jordan's only other World Golf Championships in the history of the sport was the 2000 PGA International, PGA's only

Funk turns back time, triumphs in playoff



MEXICO CITY—JIMMY HOGAR, 30, with a 1974 Ford Mustang, won a playoff victory over Argentine Oscar Gonzalez of the Metropolitan Club, on the 11th green at Atlix, when he hit a first-throw tee shot with a contour-cutting 100-yd wedge, set off the 100-yd shot by the El Comodoro member in play.

Despite struggling with backlogs in recent months, Paul Hare won a one-hole playoff with Gonzalez on a 140-yard, 250-yd shortening. Gonzalez showed with a 100.

Amateur Steve Longard shot a score into 67 to secure third place, at 23 in ahead of American Ryan Sorenson (24).

"You look good as with the youngsters," Frank told spectators after circulating his eighth PGA Tour win, April 23/26, 1969, eight months and 11 days.

Three winners in Tour history were born around 1906 (Gusner, Gurnea, Sporn), Ar. Phil. (1907), Jimmy McMillen (1907), Jimmie Hagan (1908), Sporn (1909) and John Frawley (1910) (Applaud). "There is no life in contrast with the young guys on the regular tour shows that the old guy is still going strong."

It's a very satisfying win for me." Although Frawley had a few hard times competing with the game's leading all-arounders, including the late Ben Hogan, he won the 1969 U.S. Open at Merion, Pa. The 1969 U.S. Open at Merion, Pa.

The Florida-based professional claimed his mother victory on the one-50 Thompson Gun at last month's battle into Championship in Hawaii.

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February inflation seen at a low 3-3.6%

Bangko Sentral cites lower oil prices, strong peso

By **Doris C. Dumlao**

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NO FILIPINAS SEES THE COUNTRY'S annual inflation rate softening further to 3-3.6 percent in February from a first-year low of 3.9 percent in January.

"The disinflation is expected due to the reduction in domestic oil prices, strengthening of the peso and dampening base effects of mineral sub-subsidized tax," BSP Governor Antonio Triguera said yesterday.

The peso has been Asia's strongest

currency so far this year, appreciating by nearly 3 percent since January to close at 48.240 to 1 US dollar. A strong peso tempers the rise in consumer prices by reducing the cost of imports, particularly oil.

The BSP's bridge outlook on inflation

last months even as strong inflows of foreign money have fueled up the year-on-year growth in domestic liquidity to 21.4 percent in December from 16.2 percent in November.

Domestic liquidity is still in an excess mode of the entire supply of money within the economy. It includes money in circulation, demand deposits, money market funds and short-term deposits.

"There's still no immediate risk to the inflation outlook as the peso," Triguera said at the conclusion of a Board Managers

Association of the Philippines forum. But the BSP had also acknowledged during its last official statement on inflation that "the strong growth in domestic liquidity, should it persist, could also exert a potential upward impact on inflation."

Based on the government's economic forecasts, inflation rate—which measures the rate of increase in prices of basic consumer goods and services—would remain in the target path of 3-3.6 percent after moderating inflationary pressures during the last five years.



STOCK MARKET

Shares close lower

SHARE PRICES CLIMBED as investors unloaded index futures—mostly in reaction to smaller cap listed stocks, analysts said.

The market traded in a narrow range, reflecting a dearth of fresh issues, although some listed stocks advanced following a surprise retail sale of shares, they said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.37 points to 2,500.08 after starting between 3,219.75 and 3,238.81.

The market all-share index fell 1.17 points to 2,500.08.

All-Filipino team to run Lafayette mine

By **Doris C. Dumlao**

HAVING FORGOTTEN DENIED PUBLIC service and criticism since last year, the new management team of Lafayette Philippines Inc. (LPI) has vowed to run around the firm's business while adhering to stronger regulations imposed by the government.

At the same time, the new management led by businessman Carlos Dominguez said that his group would steer clear of the situation created by the former executive managers that led to the mining controversy.

"We have basically looked out all the Americans responsible for the incident in the past," Dominguez said in an interview. "We

were here to place a professional team that is also all-Filipino."

Dominguez took the helm of LPI in the wake of the environmental problems on its pre-emptive bid to allow bringing with him management and technical team responsible for the technical and financial aspects of the Lafayette Philippines project.

"We have the team from now working on the Lafayette project," he said. Dominguez admitted that mistakes were made by the former business executives who misled the mine's operations without fully comprehending the risks involved in the mining industry.

With the Australian managers gone, how-

ever, the former agriculture secretary under President Aquino warned that the firm was well on its way to becoming a productive enterprise.

"Earlier, we are seeing 10 million a year just by increasing the expertise staff and going direct to our suppliers," he said.

Dominguez said he hoped to get the Lafayette facility operational soon.

With mining operations at full capacity, he estimated that the mine would earn up to \$100 million a year from its gold, silver and copper output, given the strong price of commodities in the world market today.

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